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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1023

Introduced by: Representatives Nelson, Anderson, Bolin, Campbell, Craig, Ecklund, Greenfield, Haggar (Don), Haggar (Jenna), Hickey, Kaiser, Kopp, Latterell, May, Olson (Betty), Qualm, Russell, Schaefer, Stalzer, Steele, and Verchio and Senators Jensen, Begalka, and Maher

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Rejecting the Common Core State Standards plan.

2 WHEREAS, the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) are a set of academic standards,
3 promoted and supported by two private membership organizations, the National Governors
4 Association (NGA) and the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO), as a method that
5 requires American students to conform to uniform, one-size-fits-all achievement goals to make
6 students more competitive in a global marketplace; and

7 WHEREAS, the NGA and the CCSSO received tens of millions of dollars from private third
8 parties to advocate for and develop the CCSS strategy and subsequently created the CCSS
9 through a process that was not subject to any freedom of information acts or other sunshine
10 laws; and

11 WHEREAS, even though federal law prohibits the federalizing of curriculum, the Obama
12 Administration accepted the CCSS plan and used 2009 Stimulus Bill money to reward the states
13 that were most committed to the President's CCSS agenda, but the administration failed to give
14 states, their legislatures, and their citizens time to evaluate the CCSS before having to commit



1 to them; and

2 WHEREAS, the NGA and the CCSSO, in concert with the same corporations developing
3 the CCSS assessments have created new textbooks, digital media, and other teaching materials
4 aligned to the standards, which must be purchased and adopted by local school districts in order
5 that students may effectively compete on CCSS assessments; and

6 WHEREAS, the CCSS program includes federally funded testing and the collection and
7 sharing of massive amounts of personal student and teacher data; and

8 WHEREAS, the CCSS effectively removes educational choice and competition since all
9 schools and all districts must use Common Core assessments based on the CCSS to allow all
10 students to advance in the school system and to advance to higher education pursuits:

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Eighty-
12 Ninth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the South
13 Dakota Legislature does not believe in a one-size-fits-all approach to education and supports
14 providing broad education choices to parents and children at the state and local levels, which
15 is best based on a free market approach to education for students to achieve individual
16 excellence; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislature recognizes the CCSS for what they are,
18 an inappropriate overreach to standardize and control the education of our children so they will
19 conform to a preconceived normal; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislature rejects the collection of personal
21 student data for any noneducational purpose without the prior written consent of an adult student
22 or a child student's parent, with any person or entity other than schools or education agencies
23 within the state; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislature recognizes the need to repeal the

- 1 numerous federal regulations that interfere with state and local control of public school.
- 2 Therefore, the Legislature rejects this CCSS plan which creates and fits the country with a
- 3 nationwide straitjacket on academic freedom and achievement.